

In The Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 3, 4 and 7. These sheets replace the original sheets including Figs 3 and 4 and Figs. 6 and 7.

In Fig. 3, elements 36a and 36b have been changed to 36, and the interior lines have been identified as element 37.

In Fig. 4, concentric circles 39 have been added, and the interior sub-sections have been identified as 36.

In Fig. 7, element number 42 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Abstract objections

The Abstract has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Drawings objections

The drawings have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

In Fig. 3, each of the interior lines have been identified as element 37 and elements 36a and 36b have been changed to 36, in view of the corresponding description in the specification at page 4, lines 27-28.

In Fig. 4, concentric circles 39 have been added, and the interior sub-sections have been identified as 36, in view of the corresponding description in the specification at page 4, line 28 through page 5, line 1.

In Fig. 7, element number 42 has been added, in view of the corresponding description in the specification at page 8, lines 18-21.

No new matter has been added.

Allowable claims

The Examiner indicated that claims 6 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 2, 3 and 6, and have cancelled the latter claims. Applicants have

also added the limitation that the support member comprises an enclosed container to provide support for the added subject matter from claim 6. (This same phrase has been deleted from dependent claim 4 as now being redundant.)

Applicants have amended claim 13 to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 16 and 18, and have cancelled the latter claims.

Finally, claim 7 has been amended to provide more definite language, and the dependencies of claims 5, 7 and 17 have been amended in view of the claim cancellations.

Since all of the independent claims, claims 1 and 13, now incorporate allowable subject matter, the rejections under 35 USC §§ 102 and 103 are now believed obviated.

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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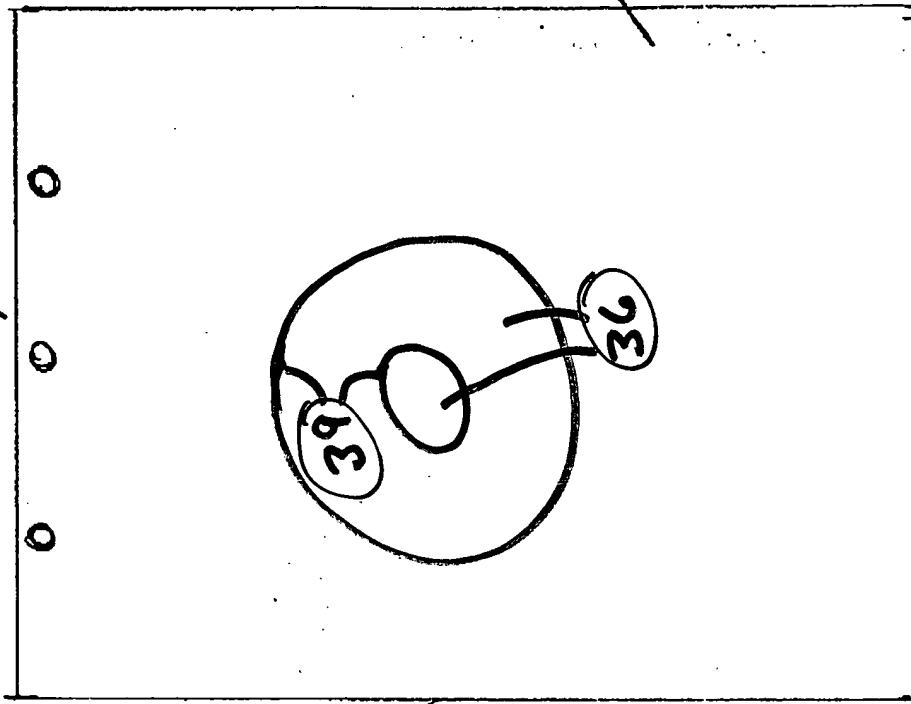


Fig. 4

Elements 36 and 39 added

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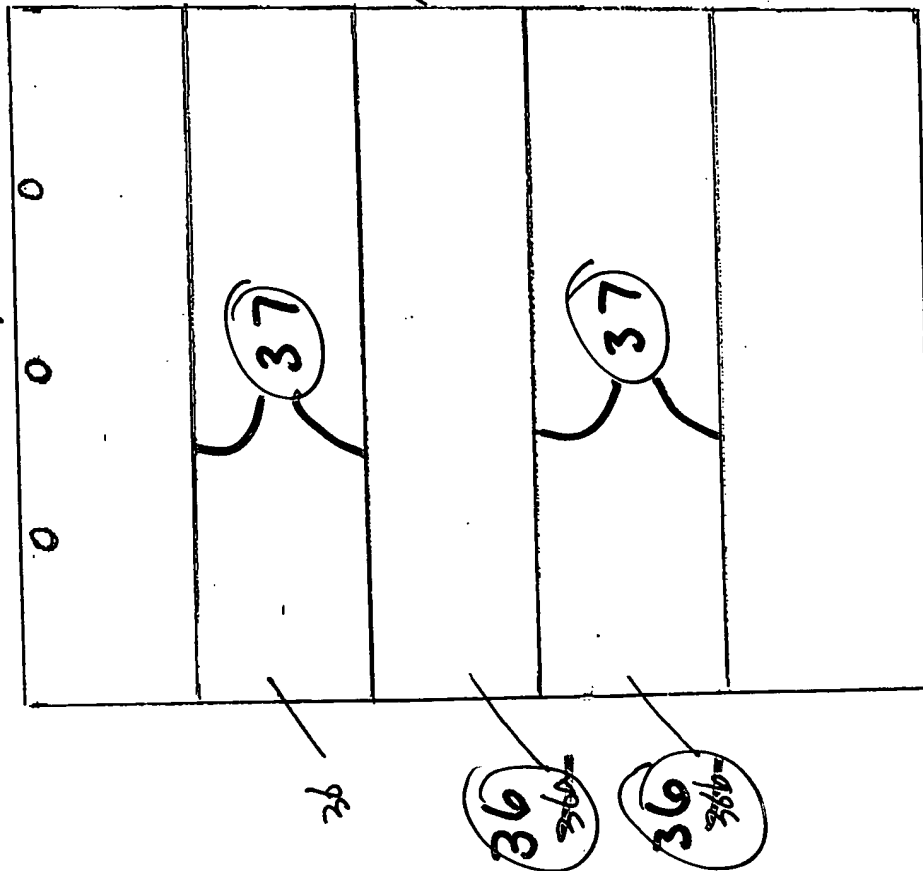
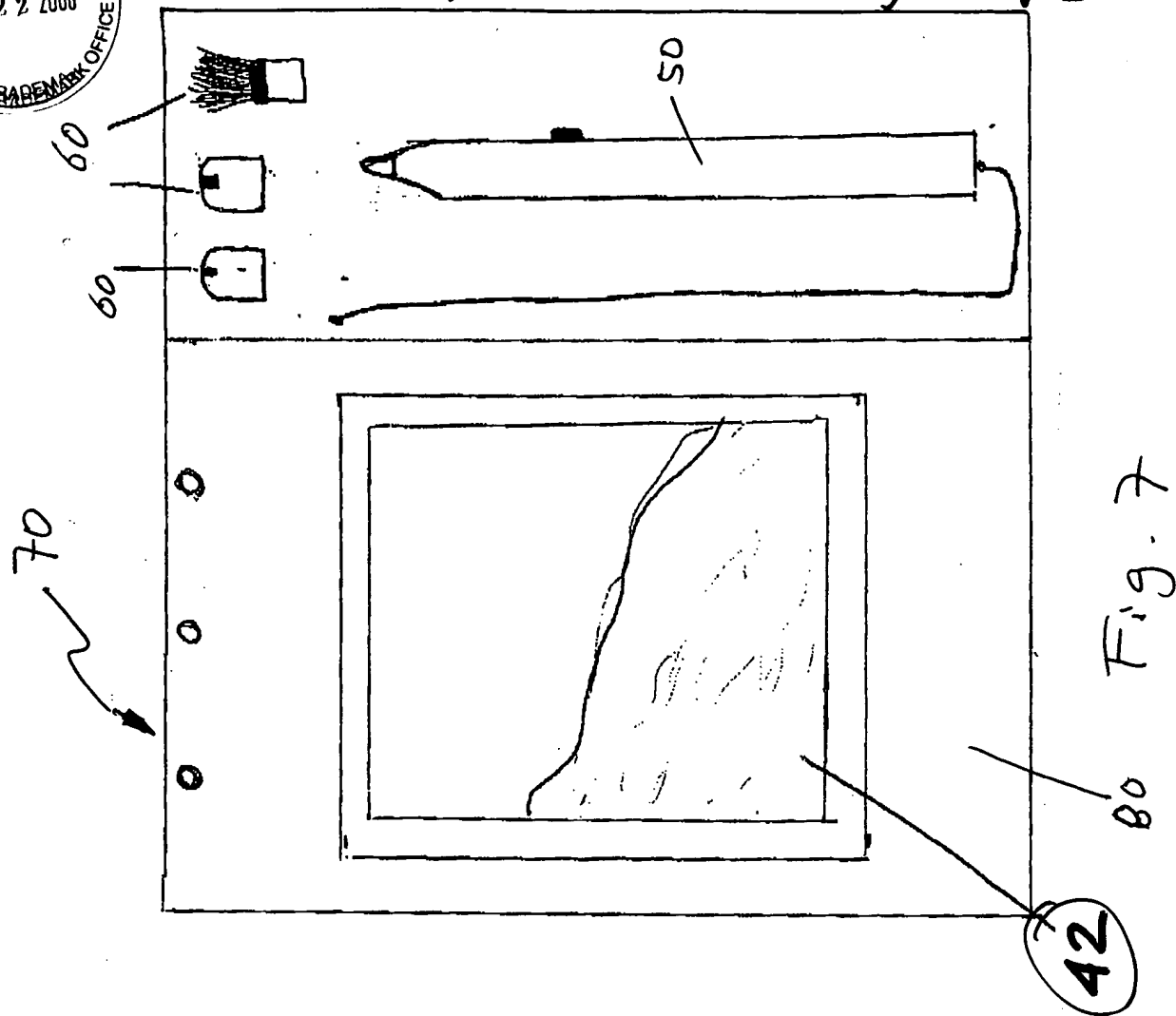


Fig. 3

Elements 36 and 37 added

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Element 42 added

